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SUBJECT: STATUS OF U.S. RESIDUAL MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND

REF: (A) STATE 05862, (B) STATE 056692; (C) BANGKOK 5363

1. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORT (REF A) TO GIVE US A LITTLE RUNNING ROOM PENDING FINAL APPROVAL OF OUR INSTRUCTIONS.

2. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE AT THIS POINT FOR US TO RESPOND, MORE OR LESS INFORMALLY, BELOW THE ANAN LEVEL. THIS WOULD ADD TO THE CONFUSION AND REINFORCE THE THAI SUSPICION THAT WE ARE UNWILLING TO ACT FORTHRIGHTLY IN THIS MATTER. IT ALSO COULD BE MECHANICALLY VERY AWKWARD. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, WE RECEIVED SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON OUR PROPOSALS AT THE WORKING LEVEL, IT WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR US LATER ON TO PRESENT THE SAME TEXT FORMALLY TO ANAN. THIS COULD BE A PARTICULAR PROBLEM WITH REGARD TO PRINCIPLE 6, WHERE WE ARE CONVINCED OUR OPENING POSITION IS UNACCEPTABLE BUT WE ARE AT THIS POINT ENJOINED FROM SPELLING OUT THE FALLBACKS.

3. THE THAI GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT (REF C), WE THINK, CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPRIVES THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING, SCHEDULED

FOR MARCH 11, OF THE CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE WE HAVE ASCRIBED
TO IT. IF, THEREFORE, THERE IS ANY REALISTIC HOPE OF
OBTAINING OUR DEFINITIVE INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN THE NEXT
FEW DAYS, WE PREFER TO HOLD OFF UNTIL THEN RATHER THAN
GO FORWARD AT THE WORKING LEVEL NOW, ALTHOUGH WE WILL HOLD
THAT OPTION OPEN IF CIRCUMSTANCES HERE SO DICTATE.

4. THIS HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT TACTICAL DECISION FOR US
TO MAKE, BECAUSE IT REMAINS VERY URGENT THAT WE GET BACK
TO THE THAI IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY ON THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES.
IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, IN OUR CONTINUING ASSESSMENT OF THIS
SITUATION, IF YOU COULD GIVE US YOUR BEST ESTIMATE AS
TO WHEN WE MAY EXPECT OUR INSTRUCTIONS.
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